

REMARKS

The instant Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with an English translation of the application filed on July 21, 2004.

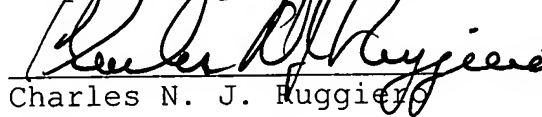
Claims 104 through 160 have been added to point out various aspects of the present application. Support for these amendments can be found at least in original claims 1 through 101. Thus, claims 102 through 160 are presented for examination in the present application upon entry of the instant amendment.

The specification has been amended to include the headings required by MPEP 608.01(a). The specification has also been amended to conform the Abstract of the Disclosure to the requirements of MPEP 608.01(b).

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for examination. Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance. If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

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Respectfully submitted,



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